













Southwest Area Incident Management Team

For Immediate Release Navajo Mountain Fire

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Navajo Mountain #1 Fire Releases Crews for Other Large Fires

As large fire activity increases across the Southwest, many crews who have worked to pin the 3,350 acre Navajo Mountain #1 Fire to the western, rocky portions of the mountain will be released today. "We are fortunate to be in a position where we can help out the other large fires," said Operations Section Chief Trainee Chris Wilcox.

Four crews, the Boise Hot Shots and three crews of Navajo Scouts, will be working today on the Navajo Mountain #1 Fire. They will be supported by five helicopters. "Our actions for the day include cooling down what heat sources remain on the southern flank and continued monitoring of the western flank where the fire is slowly heading towards rocks," said Planning Section Chief Bob Love. The fire's containment is now listed at 50%.

Smoke is evident in the Navajo Mountain area, but most of it arrived from the Warm Fire, burning on the Kaibab National Forest near Jacob Lake. "We will see smoke coming off of Navajo Mountain for the next few weeks as interior pockets burn and the fire creeps downhill on the west side, but it won't be close to the duration or volume of what we saw from the Warm Fire yesterday," said Wilcox.

Six Hot Shot crews and two helicopters will be released today so they can travel to other fires, with most resources headed to the Brins Fire outside of Sedona, AZ. "Our goal is to feed the Hot Shots a good breakfast and get them moving towards the other fires as early as possible this morning so they can make a difference this afternoon," said Logistics Section Chief Ed Freed.

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For maps and photographs of the incident, visit: http://fireteam-sw.com/oltrogge/current.htm

A burn ban is in place for the Navajo Nation. This includes no open flame, no burning of trash or vegetation, and smoking in buildings or vehicles only. Propane stoves are allowed.

Fire Facts

Acres: 3,350 Containment: 50% Helicopters: 2 Skycranes, 1 Medium, 1 Light

Resources: 321, including 1 Hot Shot Crew, 3 Type II Crews, and 4 Engines